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This International Search Report consists  X It is also accompanied by	of a total of sheets. a copy of each prior art document cited	in this report.					
Basis of the report							
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5. With regard to the <b>abstract</b> ,  X the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.  The text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may,							
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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#### **B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

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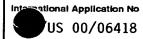
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Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the	relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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A	PITTI ET AL: "Genomic amplification of a decoy receptor for FAS ligand in lung and colon cancer" NATURE, vol. 396, 17 December 1998 (1998-12-17), pages 699-703, XP002139977 abstract		
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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT (PCT Rule 71.1)

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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

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- 1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
- 2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
- 3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.

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The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

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	VII		Certain defects in the in	nternational application		
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l.	Basis	of the	report

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the claims,	Nos.:			
the drawings,	sheets:			
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- 6. Additional observations, if necessary:
- V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Claims 14, 15, 18: no opinion

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-18, 20, 21
	No:	Claims	19, 22, 23
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	
• • •	No:	Claims	1-18, 20, 21 19, 22, 23
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-13, 16, 17, 19-23

No:

2. Citations and explanations see separate sheet

#### VI. Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

and / or

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

see separate sheet

#### VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made: see separate sheet

#### 1. Cited documents

The following documents (D) are referred to in this communication; the numbering is the same as in the search report and will be adhered to in the rest of the procedure:

- D1: WO 98 30694 A (HUMAN GENOME SCIENCES INC ;FENG PING (US); NI JIAN (US); EBNER REI) 16 July 1998 (1998-07-16)
- D2: WO 99 14330 A (GENENTECH INC) 25 March 1999 (1999-03-25)
- D3: PITTI ET AL: 'Genomic amplification of a decoy receptor for FAS ligand in lung and colon cancer' NATURE, vol. 396, 17 December 1998 (1998-12-17), p. 699-703,
- D4: WO 99 50413 A (MIZRAHI JACQUES ;HEUER JOSEF GEORG (US); NOBLITT TIMOTHY WAYNE (US) 7 October 1999 (1999-10-07)

#### 2. Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

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The present application describes a tumor necrosis factor receptor protein (TNFR) homologue, namely Fas Ligand Inhibitory Protein (FLINT) and more specifically protease resistant mutants of FLINT. FLINT binds Fas Ligand (FasL) and thereby prevents the interaction between FasL and Fas. The Fas-FasL signal transduction pathway is known to be involved in a number of diseases. According to the applicants, when FLINT undergoes proteolysis, the resulting FLINT metabolite seems to bind FasL with a lower affinity than FLINT. The applicants thus claim FLINT mutants which are resistant to protease by mutation at or near amino acid position 218.

2.1. D1, D2 and D3 disclose sequences of TNFR homologues: D1 gives the sequence of two splice variants TNFR-6α and TNRF-6β. D2 and D3 describe the identification of DcR3. The sequence alignment shows a 100% identity between the sequences of said homologues and FLINT. Thus, FLINT was known from the prior art.

Although D1 and D2 claim said TNFR homologues and derivatives, neither D1 nor

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D2 mention the fact that FLINT undergoes proteolysis and that the proteolytic site is at amino acid position 218.

Since protease resistant FLINT analogues are not disclosed or suggested by the prior art, the subject-matter of claims 1-13, 16, 17, 20 and 21 is novel and inventive with the restrictions made in § 4 below (Art. 33(1)-(3) PCT). Consequently, claims 14, 15 and 18 directed to methods of treatment using said protease resistant FLINT analogues are also novel and inventive (Art. 33(1)-(3) PCT).

- 2.2. Claim 19 is directed to a FLINT analog which is at least 50% identical with residues 214 through 222 of seq. ID no. 1. Due to the broad scope embraced by said claim, any given molecule which shares at least 5 identical amino acids with seq. ID no. 1 between aa 214-222 and which is protease resistant. It is therefore impossible to assess which are exactly the molecules embraced by said claim. Moreover, due to the broad scope of said claim, there is no doubt than known molecules will fall into the scope of said claim (Art. 33(1) and (2) PCT).
- 2.3. Claims 22 and 23 are directed to vectors and host cells comprising a nucleic acid of the present invention. Said vague expression renders the scope of said claims so broad that the molecules disclosed in D1-D3 are prejudicial to the novelty of said claims.
- 2.4. Claims 14, 15 and 18 relate to subject-matter considered by this Authority to be covered by the provisions of Rule 67.1(iv) PCT. Consequently, no opinion will be formulated with respect to the industrial applicability of the subject-matter of these claims (Art. 34(4)(a)(i) PCT).

#### 3. Re Item VI

#### Certain documents cited

The priority of the present application has not been checked and thus, document D4 cited below will not be considered as part of the prior art for the time being. However, if the priority was not valid for part of the claims, D4 could be prejudicial to the novelty of said claims. Furthermore, D4 has an earlier priority date as the present application and could thus be prejudicial to the novelty of all claims at a

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later stage of examination. Note that D4 discloses FLINT variants having a Gly214 to Ala substitution (Figs. 2 and 4).

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#### 4. Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

4.1. The applicants claim protease resistant analogs of FLINT. On page 3 of the description, the applicants state that the FLINT metabolite (product of proteolysis) is less efficient in binding FasL than FLINT and that therefore the claimed protease resistant analogs could enhance the pharmaceutical utility of FLINT. However, a document reflecting said assumptions is not identified in the description (Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT). Since the sequence of FLINT and the use of said molecule and of analogs for therapeutic goals has already been disclosed in D1 and D2, the claimed FLINT analogs can only be considered as inventive over D1 and D2 if the claimed "special effect", i.e. an enhanced pharmaceutical utility compared to the native FLINT, is shown by the applicants. If this is not the case, said analogs merely represent an arbitrary selection of the possible mutants and are not inventive.

This question becomes even more relevant in the light of example 6 describing in vitro experiments comparing the effect of FLINT and FLINT analogs on apoptosis. The results on page 61 show that most of the FLINT analogs are less efficient than the native FLINT in inhibiting apoptosis. Example 11 shows an in vivo experiment, wherein mice with liver damage are treated with FLINT or FLINT analogs. Here again, the survival rate of the mice treated with FLINT is higher. Thus, in the light of the description, it remains questionable if said FLINT analogs really have an enhanced pharmaceutical utility compared to FLINT and thus if the subject-matter claimed is inventive.

4.2. Furthermore, the claims are not fully supported by the description for the following reasons (Art. 6 PCT):

Although the claims embrac a multitude of protease resistant FLINT analogs, i.e.

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molecules that do not even necessarily share a high homology to seq. ID no. 1, the resistance of said molecules to proteolysis is only shown for one specific mutant containing seq. ID no. 1 with only one mutation at position 218 (see examples 13 and 14). It is highly unlikely that all the mutations claimed will lead to protease resistant molecules. Moreover, said claimed molecules should also present a similar activity than the native FLINT (effect on apoptosis, etc.) It would represent an undue burden for the skilled person trying to find out which of the numerous possible molecules will indeed be resistant to proteolysis and act as inhibitors of apoptosis like FLINT. Consequently, the scope of the claims is too broad and needs to be restricted accordingly.

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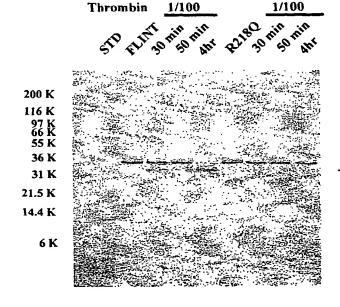
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(54) Title: PROTEASE RESISTANT FLINT ANALOGS

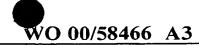


Native FLINT 1µg per lane R218Q FLINT 1µg per lane Reaction at 37 degrees

- Metabolite

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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to FLINT analogs that are resistant to proteolysis in vivo and in vitro at amino acid position 218 of mature FLINT, clinical and therapeutic uses thereof, and pharmaceutical formulations comprising said analogs.





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